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BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3391, to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act with respect to suspension, revocation, and limitation of laboratory certification;

An original bill (S. 3566) entitled, “Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012”;

S. 1440, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

Nomination lists in the Public Health Service.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Mark A. Barnett, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, each introduced by Senator Schumer, Troy L. Nunley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, and Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HATE CRIMES AND DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights to examine hate crimes and the threat of domestic extremism, after receiving testimony from Scott McAllister, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Roy L. Austin, Jr., Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, and Michael A. Clancy, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Daryl Johnson, DT Analytics, Washington, DC; James B. Jacobs, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; and Harpreet Singh Saini, Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

ELIMINATING WASTE AND FRAUD IN MEDICARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine eliminating waste and fraud in Medicare, focusing on an examination of prior authorization requirements for power mobility devices, after receiving testimony from Deborah Taylor, Chief Financial Officer and Director, Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Paul Hughes, Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor, Lexington, South Carolina; Stephen T. Peake, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, Chattanooga; Michael B. Clark, The SCOOTER Store, New Braunfels, Texas; and Jerome Epplin, Litchfield Family Practice Center, Litchfield, Illinois, on behalf of the American Geriatrics Society.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 6430–6443; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 789–792 were introduced. **Pages H6150–51**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6151–52**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5948, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–678);

H.R. 6194, to ensure the viability and competitiveness of the United States agricultural sector (H. Rept. 112–679); and

H. Res. 788, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 118) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3409) to

limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977; and providing for proceedings during the period from September 22, 2012, through November 12, 2012 (H. Rept. 112–680). **Page H6150**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6071**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6073**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2012: H.R. 6060, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019; **Pages H6074–75**

Mescalero Apache Tribe Leasing Authorization Act: H.R. 1461, amended, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights; **Pages H6075–76**

Allowing the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe: H.R. 3319, amended, to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe; **Page H6076**

Honoring the four United States public servants who died in Libya and condemning the attacks on United States diplomatic facilities in Libya, Egypt, and Yemen: H. Res. 786, to honor the four United States public servants who died in Libya and to condemn the attacks on United States diplomatic facilities in Libya, Egypt, and Yemen; **Pages H6076–79**

Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act of 2012: H.R. 3783, amended, to provide for a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's growing presence and hostile activity in the Western Hemisphere; **Pages H6079–83**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To provide for a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's growing hostile presence and activity in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes." **Page H6083**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect toward the establishment of a democratic and prosperous Republic of Georgia: H. Res. 526, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives with respect toward the establishment of a democratic and prosperous Republic of Georgia and the establishment of a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict with Georgia's internationally recognized borders; **Pages H6083–86**

Confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions: H.R. 4158, to confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions (agreed by unanimous consent that the previous ordering of the yeas and nays on the motion that the House suspend the rule and pass H.R. 4158 be vacated, to the end that the Chair put the question de novo); **Pages H6086–88, H6096–97**

Veterans Fiduciary Reform Act of 2012: H.R. 5948, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H6088–94**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to establish a Place of Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes." **Page H6094**

VA Major Construction Authorization and Expiring Authorities Extension Act of 2012: H.R. 6375, amended, to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H6094–96**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes." **Page H6096**

Cutting Federal Unnecessary and Expensive Leasing Act of 2012: H.R. 6324, to reduce the number of nonessential vehicles purchased and leased by the Federal Government; **Pages H6097–99**

Buffett Rule Act of 2012: H.R. 6410, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for taxpayers making donations with their returns of income tax to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt; **Pages H6099–H6101**

Andrew P. Carpenter Tax Act: H.R. 5044, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any discharge of indebtedness income on education loans of deceased veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 400 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 585; **Pages H6101–04, H6119–20**

FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2012: H.R. 2903, amended, to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; **Pages H6104–13**

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions: H.R. 5912, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions, and to provide for the return of previously distributed funds for deficit reduction, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 310 yeas to 95 nays, Roll No. 586;

Pages H6113–15, H6120–21

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions.”.

Pages H6113, H6121

Disaster Loan Fairness Act of 2012: H.R. 6296, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to provide the interest rate for certain disaster related loans;

Pages H6115–18

Border Security Information Improvement Act of 2012: H.R. 6368, amended, to require the Department of Justice, in consultation with the Department of Homeland Security, to provide a report to Congress on the Departments’ ability to track, investigate and quantify cross-border violence along the Southwest Border and provide recommendations to Congress on how to accurately track, investigate, and quantify cross-border violence;

Pages H6118–19

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to provide a joint report to Congress on the Departments’ ability to track, investigate and quantify cross-border violence along the Southwest Border and provide recommendations to Congress on how to accurately track, investigate, and quantify cross-border violence.”.

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Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2012: H.R. 6361, amended, to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance;

Pages H6121–24

Providing flexibility with respect to United States support for assistance provided by international financial institutions for Burma: H.R. 6431, to provide flexibility with respect to United States support for assistance provided by international financial institutions for Burma;

Pages H6124–25

Amending the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to clarify provisions relating to the regulation of municipal advisors: H.R. 2827, amended, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to clarify provisions relating to the regulation of municipal advisors;

Pages H6125–28

Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2012: H.R. 5910, amended, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to produce a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment;

Pages H6132–34

Contaminated Drywall Safety Act of 2012: H.R. 4212, amended, to designate drywall manufactured in China a banned hazardous product;

Pages H6134–37

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To prevent the introduction into commerce of unsafe drywall, to ensure the manufacturer of drywall is readily identifiable, to ensure that problematic drywall removed from homes is not reused, and for other purposes.”.

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Amending title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions: H.R. 6163, amended, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions;

Pages H6138–40

Taking Essential Steps for Testing Act of 2012: H.R. 6118, to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act with respect to suspension, revocation, and limitation of laboratory certification;

Pages H6140–42

Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2012: H.R. 4124, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians; and

Pages H6142–44

Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education Act: H.R. 733, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a Pancreatic Cancer Initiative.

Pages H6144–47

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for scientific frameworks with respect to recalcitrant cancers.”.

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Making corrections with respect to Food and Drug Administration user fees: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6433, to make corrections with respect to Food and Drug Administration user fees.

Pages H6137–38

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act: H.R. 5987, amended, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington. **Pages H6128–32**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6119–20, H6120–21. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup of H.R. 1206, the “Access to Professional Health Insurance Advisors Act of 2011”; and H.R. 1063, the “Strengthening Medicare and Repaying Taxpayers Act of 2011”.

EXAMINING THE ROLE OF RWANDA IN THE DRC INSURGENCY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “Examining the Role of Rwanda in the DRC Insurgency”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COAL MINER EMPLOYMENT AND DOMESTIC ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE OF THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RELATING TO WAIVER AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 1115 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3409, the “Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act”; and H.J. Res. 118 providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. The Committee granted a closed rule for H.J. Res. 118. The rule

provides one hour of general debate with 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The resolution further provides a structured rule for H.R. 3409. The rule provides one hour of general debate with 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources, 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–32 as original text for purpose of amendment and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 3409 printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 3 of the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from September 22, 2012 through November 12, 2012: (a) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; (b) the Chair may adjourn the House to meet at a date and time within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution; and (c) bills and resolutions introduced shall be numbered, listed in the Congressional Record, and when printed shall bear the date of introduction, but may be referred at a later time. Section 4 of the rule authorizes the Speaker to appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section